

**Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., April 21, 1835,
from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by
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TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, April 21, 1835.

My dear Andrew, I have not heard from our dear sarah since her letter which I inclose you but have no doubt but they *all* continue in good health, or sarah would have advised me. I have recd. from Mr Hobbs a letter of the 7th postmarked Nashville 9th april last in which he says, among other matters, that he has been forwarned from changing the road from Sanders ferry along my line and they have produced an order of Court for it. There is no doubt there was once an order of court for a road but I think it was to Lebanon, and if it was to Nashville the road was wide from its present Location. I wish you to notify all concerned that you will prefer a petition to the County court of Davidson for a jury of view and survey of a road from Hills ferry to Nashville and Lebanon and from Sanders Ferry to Lebanon and Nashville the nearest and best routs, and that the jury of view be taken from the north side of Cumberland river, and be accompanied by the County Surveyor. Then each individual will have to submit to all the inconvenience that the convenience of the people require and our land will not be made the point thro which all the public roads are to pass, and go round half miles or miles of others for their own individual benefit. I want but equal justice with others, and wish you to say to all who have been clamorous because I wanted to run the road on the line between Major Donelson and me, we will have the roads now run in all directions agreeable to law when none can complain—get Major A.J. Donelson to unite with you in this petition and it will relieve him from all public roads, and me from all but one and that from Sanders ferry to Nashville. If the dividing line is not more than 12 rod east of the mouth of the lane from Sanders Ferry, run your Fence

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on the line leaving a road along the fence into the Lebanon road. If more than 12 rods, then run the fence direct south from the mouth of the lane to the Lebanon road. If there is complaint say at once I am willing to petition court for a Survey or review of all these roads on the nearest and best ground but not to let others change the course of the road at will, and throw it on our Land, and from their own. I suppose you will not be able to remain until July, if so, file your petition and leave it in the hands of some lawyer, and have the order for a jury of view and survey made, but review postponed until your return home. I am now determined to have all roads made permanant, regardless where they run, for the impositions on us are not only unjust, but intolerable.

I fear from the weather we experience here, that Mr. Hobbs has run a great risque by planting his cotton so early, as he writes me he has planted the church field in cotton and on the 13th would begin to plant the ballance, and that he is scarce of seed. We had snow inch deep on the morning of the 9th april. Should a frost or blighting weather come after it comes up, it will be fatal to our crop. You ought to look out in time for a supply to replant as I have always done and requested Mr Hobbs to have it done. Mr. Hobbs writes that corn is scarce and high in the neighbourhood, that William or Stockly has none to spare or rough fodder of any kind—the *supberb* crop has not turned out so plentiful as anticipated. You must have enough of corn bought to feed our work and blood horses until the oats come in. my health is better, but still feeble. Write me my son often.